

## NOTICE OF MEETING

### VANCOUVER BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### A G E N D A

DATE: Wednesday, November 15, 2006

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Strathcona Room  
Sub-Ground, City Hall

*If you are unable to attend the meeting,  
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#### Attendance

Leave of absence for Colin Brander

#### Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the October 18, 2006 meeting are to be adopted.

#### Correspondence

The Correspondence folder will be circulated.

#### 1. Electric Bikes

Gerard Plunkett, New World Electric Bikes, will provide an overview of electric bikes and regulations affecting usage.

Justin Lemire-Elmore will also provide a presentation and respond to questions.

#### 2. Portside Bike Route

The Chair, in her capacity as VACC representative, will present a proposal for a Portside Bike Route. Gertjan Hofman, Chair of the Bicycle Network Sub-committee, will present an overview of the proposed path.

The attached list of current Bikeway Priorities, refers.

**3. Vancouver Police Department (VPD) Bike Patrol**

At its meeting on September 20, 2006, the Committee agreed to continue the discussion on the VPD Bike Patrol at its October meeting, in order to allow the Chair to make contact with VPD on this issue. The VPD liason was not available on October 18, 2006. The Committee agreed to refer this item to the November 15, 2006, meeting.

**4. Burrard Bridge Update**

David Rawsthorne, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, will provide an update on the Burrard Bridge process.

**4. Sub-committee Reports**

- a. Bicycle Network Sub-committee*
- b. Bicycle Education and Promotion Sub-Committee*

**5. Annual Report**

An update on the Annual Report will be provided.

**6. Green Cities Project**

The Chair will lead a discussion and request a recommendation from the Committee regarding the attached news release and backgrounder from the Provincial Government, on additional funding pertaining to the Green Cities Project.

**7. New Business**

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, December 20, 2006  
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## Attachment A

# **Recommendations – Route Priorities for the 2006-2008 Cycling Capital Plan**

The BAC recommends to Council that this priority list serves as guidance for future development of the bicycle network.

The list is based on the roads and routes mentioned in the 1997 Transportation Plan, 1999 Bicycle Plan, and the 2001 Downtown Transportation Plan. It is recognized that as opportunities emerge, some lower priorities may proceed before higher priorities.

### **Priority A - Highest**

The highest priority is the upgrade of Burrard Bridge and then followed by the completion of the Downtown Transportation Plan by 2008, at the latest.

In order of importance:

- Burrard Bridge cycling upgrades
- Projects approved in 2004 but not completed in 2004.
- Downtown Transportation Plan as listed <sup>(GR-1)</sup> (*partial implementation*)
- ~~Homer St. (completed)~~
- Waterfront Road
- Robson St. as discussed at BAC
- BAC proposed extensions of bike lanes on select downtown roads.
- ~~RAV (2) Fraser River Crossing (under construction)~~
- 2005 TransLink Cost Share Programs

### **Priority B - Next Highest**

- RAV –
  - (1) Cambie Bike Lanes into Downtown (*partially approved*),
  - (3) Station Access,
  - (4) Train Car Design
- Point Grey Rd. / Cornwall St. Corridor
- Central Valley Greenway (by March 2007) (*partially under construction*)
- Southeast False Creek Cycling Facilities
- CP Railway Corridor Bike Pathway
- Kingsway Bike Lanes from Main St. to Burnaby
- 49<sup>th</sup> Ave. Bike Lanes (*partial implementation*)
- 44<sup>th</sup> / 45<sup>th</sup> Bike Route
- Heather Bikeway extension – 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. to Fraser River (*under development – temporary*)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Bike Lanes

- King Edward Bike Lanes
- S.W. Marne Drive Bike Lanes Upgrade
- Carnarvon / Balaclava Bike Route (*under development*)

## **Priority C - High**

- BC Parkway Upgrade and bridge across Boundary Rd. (perhaps in time for 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2006)
- Granville Bridge – Deck Improvements
- Cyclist Push Buttons or Sensor in Road (or above) at semi-actuated signals (*partially implemented*)
- RAV – Feeder Network to Stations
- Pacific Boulevard Bike Lanes (2005) (*completed from Homer to Quebec Sts.*)
- Portside Route (*formerly called the Harbour Route*)
- Granville Street Transit Mall Bike Facilities (should be done by 2006 in time for the Sustainable Cities convention) (*Council has approved a design for Granville*)
- Convention Centre Cycling Facilities – paths and bike lanes (2005)
- Existing Bike Routes upgrade program (higher used routes first priority)
- Dunbar Bike Lanes

## **Priority D – Other Roads and Routes in the Plans**

- Kent Ave - Bike Route completion from Boundary Rd. and towards the west, linking with abandoned rail line in front of TransLink bus depot.
- Remainder of Greenway Development list with target completion dates. For those with no completion dates then by 2008. <sup>(GR-1)</sup>
- Remainder of Associated with Developments list with target completion dates. For those with no completion dates then by 2008. <sup>(GR-1)</sup>
- Remainder of Associated with Arterial Improvements list with target completion dates. For those with no completion dates then by 2008. <sup>(GR-1)</sup>
- Rest of 1999 Bicycle Plan list that has not been covered by any other list or commented in this priority list. Completion by 2008 with routes south of 10<sup>th</sup> Ave having priority.

## **Priority E - Other Priorities not Contained in the Plans**

- Downtown Spot Improvements
  - #52 – Water / Carrall / Powell / Alexander
  - #11 – Remove the Granville Loops
  - #38 - Modify Pacific & Quebec to better accommodate the streetcar and cyclists
  - #39 - Facilitate cyclist connection through the Science World area (*partial improvements*)
  - #42 – Normalize intersection of Georgia St. and Pender St.
- Education and Encouragement Activities
- Physically separated cycling facilities, paved and lighted, off-road and on-road, connecting the major destinations in the city.

## **Priority F - Lower**

- Granville Bridge – Alternative for on deck solution - Under the deck project
- Cambie Bridge - Separated Pedestrian / Bike Facilities on each side of Cambie Bridge - Alternative for on-deck solution  
(Many cyclists would prefer the bike lanes on the road. Some cyclists prefer a sidewalk solution where cycling is separated from cars and pedestrians on each side of the bridge.)

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## BACKGROUND

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### HIGHLIGHTS OF PREMIER CAMPBELL'S SPEECH TO UBCM

#### **Housing**

- A commitment to increase the shelter allowance for income assistance recipients in next provincial budget.
- A commitment to work with municipalities to build more affordable housing, new facilities, and supports for people with mental illnesses and addictions through concerted actions aimed at increasing densities, reducing building costs, and achieving net benefits for the environment.

#### **B.C. Spirit Square Program**

- Up to \$20 million to assist communities in creating or enhancing outdoor public meeting spaces.
- Spirit Squares may take the shape of traditional town squares or community commons with design and location up to each community.
- The Province will share up to half the capital costs of projects, up to \$500,000, that reflect their community, their diversity, their cultural and First Nations Heritage, and their history.

#### **Green Cities Project/LocalMotion Fund**

- Annual Green City Awards at future UBCM conventions to be given to communities encouraging physical activity, energy conservation, and environmental benefits.
- LocalMotion Fund of \$10 million per year for four years (\$40 million in total) to help build bike paths, walkways, greenways, improved accessibility for persons with disabilities, and support programs to get kids playing in communities and parks. Province will provide 50 per cent of capital funding, up to \$1 million per year.
- New financial incentives to help municipalities shift to hybrid vehicle fleets and retrofit dirty diesel vehicles with cleaner technologies.
- \$2,000 tax break on hybrid vehicle purchases will be extended beyond current March 2008 deadline in next provincial budget.
- As of 2007, all new cars leased or purchased by provincial government will be hybrids.
- A Provincial commitment to contribute one third of the capital funding towards the best, lowest cost solution that will provide proper sewage treatment in Greater Victoria.

#### **Towns for Tomorrow Program**

- Targeted to communities with a population under 5,000 and their infrastructure projects that are often ineligible for larger federal-provincial programs.
- \$21 million program – \$7 million a year for three years to support small towns' infrastructure priorities on cost-sharing basis whereby the Province will fund 80 per cent of project cost and the municipalities fund the remaining 20 per cent, up to a maximum total value of \$500,000.
- Program to be overseen by the Premier's new Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Development, Kevin Krueger (MLA for Kamloops-North Thompson).

### **Getting Best Value for Taxpayers**

- A new capital standard that will require all provincially-funded capital projects with a value of over \$20 million to be considered first by Partnerships BC to be built as public-private partnerships unless there is a compelling reason to do otherwise.
- Public-private partnerships to date have resulted in significant benefits, including \$131 million in additional benefits on the Sea-to-Sky Highway, \$92 million in benefits for the new Canada Line, \$39 million in benefits on the Abbotsford Hospital and Cancer Centre, and \$25 million in benefits from the new William R. Bennett Bridge.
- The Province will provide one third of the capital funding for the Capital Regional District to provide proper sewage treatment in Greater Victoria, as long as Partnerships BC takes a hard look at how project can be done as a P3.
- Work with municipalities to harmonize municipal business licences by 2008 so businesses can operate freely across the entire province.

### **Building Canada's Pacific Gateway**

- Push for unified Pacific Port Authority to ensure co-ordinated trade through all BC ports.
- Work with Northwest to establish an integrated port plan for the millions of container shipments that will come from increased trade.
- Work with Prince George to establish inland port to move air, sea, and land cargo through to Asian and North American markets in record time.
- Work with Kamloops and Ashcroft to develop the best possible Southern Interior inland port.

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## NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release  
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Office of the Premier

### **PREMIER ANNOUNCES NEW FUNDING FOR B.C. MUNICIPALITIES**

VICTORIA – The Province will provide more than \$40 million for municipalities to develop town squares in celebration of British Columbia’s 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to help smaller communities build infrastructure, Premier Gordon Campbell announced today in his speech at the annual Union of B.C. Municipalities convention.

“We want our cities and towns to be vibrant places where all citizens can come together and share their community pride and spirit,” said Campbell. “This funding will help strengthen communities in every corner of the province and build foundations for citizens for generations to come.”

The B.C. Spirit Square Program will provide \$20 million for communities to create or enhance outdoor public meeting places marking the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Colony of British Columbia. The Province will share up to half of the capital costs for projects up to a maximum contribution of \$500,000.

“We want cities, towns and First Nations to join in the celebration and develop Spirit Squares that reflect the cultural diversity and history of their citizens,” said Campbell. “In 2008 we will mark a historic time for our province and we should celebrate by looking to the future of our communities.”

The Towns for Tomorrow Program will provide \$21 million over three years for towns under 5,000 to support their infrastructure priorities. The Province will fund 80 per cent of each project, up to a maximum total value of \$500,000, leaving the municipality to fund the remaining 20 per cent.

“Small towns have very different challenges and infrastructure priorities and this program will help these communities meet their goals,” said Campbell.

The Premier also announced a new Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Development, Kamloops-North Thompson MLA Kevin Krueger, who will work with rural communities in supporting their needs.

“The development of communities throughout British Columbia will play a vital role in how our province seizes the opportunity to be Canada’s Pacific Gateway,” said Campbell. “We will also continue to work with Prince George to establish an inland port, with Kamloops and Ashcroft to develop a Southern Interior Port and with the Northwest to establish an integrated port plan that will benefit the entire province.”

Premier Campbell noted these programs will build on the new Canada/BC Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund that will see over \$150 million invested in rural infrastructure on federal/provincial/municipal cost-sharing basis. It will also build on other rural economic programs such as the \$285 million invested in the regional development trusts, the Cariboo-Chilcotin and Omineca Pine Beetle Action Committees, the rural resource road program, the rural school initiative and actions to bridge the digital divide that have already put over \$400 million in communities' hands for their development priorities.

1 backgrounder(s) attached.

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